

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231 **jc803 U.S. PTO**



Atty. Dkt. 2551-55

Date: February 9, 2001

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This is a request for filing a new **PATENT APPLICATION** under Rule 53(b) entitled:

TNF-DERIVED PEPTIDES FOR USE IN TREATING OEDEMA

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- An abstract together with
16 pages of specification and claims including
10 numbered claims and also attached is/are
6 sheets of accompanying drawings.
 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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98870180.1	EP	14 August 1998
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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. PCT/EP99/05806, filed August 10, 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto) including amended specification pages 4-8, to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached: **Information Disclosure Statement**; **Non-Publication Request**; **Other: Letter with paper and computer readable copies of Sequence Listing**

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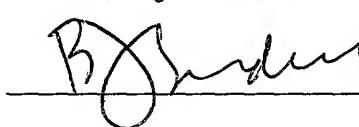
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The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

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